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A BIRTHDAY GIFT

The year 1927 was an eventful one in the history of Palmer Memorial Hospital, for on April 19th the present building was dedicated and on April 25th the first patients were admitted. Fifteen of these patients were transferred from the old Palmer in Roxbury, a whole fleet of ambulances being used to move them. With those first patients came some of the personnel who so soon became familiar faces in the hospital circle — Miss Hagen, the Superintendent; Ada Hamlyn, her Secretary; and Ruth Sherman, of the Nursing Service. It was a great moving day and many of us remember watching the arrival of the ambulances, and the care with which all these patients were installed in their new quarters — this new and wonderful Palmer with all its modern equipment to help in the war of science against disease. A large and efficient laboratory was here, under the supervision of Dr. Warren. Here, too, were radium and X-ray and deep therapy machines.

By the tenth birthday of Palmer, in 1937, new and more modern equipment was needed and that year saw the installation of a 200,000 volt x-ray therapy machine. Since that time it has been used to give 24,657 treatments to 2,886 individuals.

Another decade has passed, and Palmer is now twenty years old. It seems very fitting that this should be the year in which the generosity of friends has made possible the "birthday gift" to Palmer of our new General Electric therapy machine. This machine, called the "Maximar" will operate at any desired voltage between 100,000 and 250,000. It has a higher output in roentgens per minute and operates without a warm-up period, a saving of thirty minutes a day. We believe that its operating cost will be appreciably lower than that of the old machine because of the fact that the present unit is virtually self-contained and does not require the use of shock-proof high tension cables. These cables, necessary in the old machine, cost about $90.00 each and seldom lasted more than four or five months.

The "Maximar," together with two other new machines which are on order, will give us an X-ray Department in which we can take great pride and will take their place in the equipment of our proposed new building.

A fitting "Birthday Present" indeed is the Maximar. By the time Palmer is thirty years old, we presume the New Building will be an old one and many more wonderful things will have happened in our hospital. The gifts of thousands of other friends will have purchased much more machinery and equipment to be used by our skilled workers. We will grow and we will progress, but the same spirit of service and brotherliness will continue to prevail.

WE — THE EMPLOYEES

Administration

April 16th was a red letter day for Mildred Pinkham, for on that day she returned to her desk in the Cashier's Office. All of our good wishes are with you, Millie, and we congratulate you on your pluck and courage during these last eleven months.

Miss Gladys Stockwell of the Building Fund Office, enjoyed the extended week-end visit which she recently made to New York.

Many of us heard with deep regret of the recent bereavement suffered by Mrs. Permuth, formerly our Office Manager, in the loss of both her mother and her father.

Housekeeping

We regret the loss of Mrs. Keatley, Executive Housekeeper for 20 years, who died in the hospital on March 30th. Mrs. Keatley was a good friend to all with whom she came in contact. She had not been active during the past years, due to failing health, but she had kept in close contact with her department and the whole hospital and we will miss her very much.

Michael Mazgelis, who has been on a leave of absence, paid a visit to the Department recently. He is feeling much better and hopes to return to his work in May. We'll be glad to have you with us again, Mike.

Employees of the Housekeeping Department — how about forming a bowling team? Our Department ought to be represented. Haven't we four people that like to bowl?

Miss Frances Cross spent a recent week-end in New York. We wish we had been with you as we hear you had a wonderful time.

Laboratories

Dr. Warren has donned his uniform again and flown to Japan for two months. Here he will re-survey the cases he studied shortly after the A-bomb blasts on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

It's a boy! It's a boy! — One for Charlie Spaulding of Radium and one for Dr. James Tullis. The former struts because it's his first, the latter because it's his first boy.

We were sorry to lose Rosalie Greene whom most of you will remember as the Cardiograph Technician. We are sure she will enjoy domesticity.

Dr. Earl Lothario Wert is trying a hand at being a pathologist in Greenwich, Connecticut. He will return the middle of May to continue his research program.

Laundry

We are glad to welcome back both Ida Fuller and Jeff Melder, who have returned to their positions after their long illnesses.

Our bowling team is improving rapidly. Rita is now in the 90's. Come on, Winnie and Charlie — we want to make a good showing for this department.

Nursing

Miss Helen Hastings, formerly headnurse on Palmer Three, was married on Saturday evening, April 26th, in Leominster, to Mr. Kenneth McElwe. Mr. and Mrs. McElwe will make their home in North Attleboro, Mass.

Several members of the Nursing Department have been patients in the hospital during the past month. Miss Fellows, staff nurse on Baker Five; Miss Ilione Lewis, Palmer Operating Room; and Miss Grace Middlemas, a faithful special duty nurse whom we greatly miss.

Mrs. Olive Davis has been appointed to fill the position in the Nursing Office left vacant by Mrs. Trout's resignation.

Miss Muriel Raynor, formerly assistant headnurse on Palmer Three, is now headnurse on Palmer Three.

A farewell tea was given in the Faculty House on April 26th in honor of Mrs. Trout and was attended by a large number of the friends whom she has made through-

out the hospital. A unique fan of dollar bills was presented to her by her associates.

Congratulations to Mrs. Barbara Keefe St. Cyr, formerly headnurse on Deaconess Two in 1942, on the birth of a baby girl, Bari, on April 14th

Pharmacy and Purchasing

Congratulations to Virginia Savage of the Pharmacy on her recent marriage to Bill Steadman. Ginny plans to return to her position in the Pharmacy after a honeymoon spent at Sunset Point, Florida.

Remember the four inches of snow we had on a recent week-end? Did you know that that was the week-end Charlie Schraub decided to spend in New Hampshire — but didn't take his rubbers. Result, he found himself snowed in. Newcomer to New England, Charlie? Surely you must have been a Boy Scout!

Record Rooms

Miss Marion Baker has resigned from the Palmer Record Room Staff and has accepted a position in the Emerson Hospital in Concord, Massachusetts, her home town. Her Palmer Record Room Friends gave her a combination farewell and birthday party at the Toll House on Tuesday evening, April 22nd.

Social Service

The 1947 National Conference of Social Work was held last month in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Our Social Service Director, Mrs. Jameson, attended the Conference, enjoying a vacation trip at the same time. Her cross-country vacation included visits in Utah, Texas. Maryland and Mississippi. During her absence from the hospital, we were delighted to have Mrs. Muriel Oakman return as social worker.

Miss Barbara Clarke, a Sophomore at Simmons College Pre-Library School, has been added to the Library staff as assistant on four afternoons of each week.

Volunteer Service

A recent letter from the Chairman of the Volunteer Special Services of the American Red Cross tells us that Miss Constance Learned has been appointed as Director of Volunteer Special Services in the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the Red Cross. She will assist in the administration of the eight volunteer corps in the district, and the program each is engaged in. We know that Miss Learned will be of great assistance to them in this line of work and we wish her all happiness in her new position.

X-Ray

We have a new Assistant Roentgenologist. Dr. Donald P. Ham left us on April 15th and his place has been taken by Dr. Mirle A. Kellett.

Staff News

A daughter, Anne Cochran, was born on April 7th to Dr. and Mrs. John E. McKittrick.

Members of the staff "take to the air:" Dr. Joseph C. Aub, Dr. Thomas J. Anglem, Dr. Clifford C. Franseen, Dr. Ernest M. Daland and Dr. Grantley W. Taylor were among the doctors who participated in radio forums on the subject of cancer during Cancer Control Month.

On April 15th, at the organizational meeting of the New England Diabetes Association, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin was elected President. Other members of our staff elected to offices are Dr. W. Richard Ohler, vice-president, and Dr. James H. Townsend, secretary. The purposes of the Association are to develop and disseminate knowledge of diabetes and to promote the welfare of diabetic patients.

Dr. Richard H. Sweet and Dr. Jason Mixter participated in the program of the 155th annual meeting of the Connecticut State Medical Society at Hamden, Connecticut on April 29th and 30th, 1947.

Dr. Clifford C. Franseen has announced the appointment of Dr. William M. Downing as his associate. Dr. Downing, recently a resident at Palmer, will assist in his office and hospital practice as well as in extensive research work.

CREDIT UNION

The Directors of the Alpha Credit Union have voted to call a special meeting of all members (holders of one or more shares) on Tuesday, May 20th, at 1:15 P. M. to vote on the matter of paying a dividend on shares for six months ending April 30, 1947. This will be the first time a dividend has been declared by the Alpha Credit Union.

DEACONESS NIGHT AT POPS

The "Friends of the Deaconess" are again sponsoring a "Pops" Night. This year it will be held on May 29th, with the featured soloist on the Program being Ethel Hutchinson, Pianist. Mrs. Dudley Howe, 22 Worthington Road, Brookline (Asp. 2073) is in charge of the tickets and will be glad to receive your order. The tables, as you will remember, seat five, although single seats may be procured. There will be a few tables available at $12.50, and the balance are at $15.00. The proceeds from the Night will be added to the Treasury of the Society to carry on the multiple activities which constantly aid the Hospital.

SPORTS

Apparently there are not enough young men available to form a baseball team, so this idea is still only in the minds of a few of us. If you are interested and have a little time, get in touch with Charlie and we can still make the idea become a reality. Bowling, however, is still popular. On April 22nd, the four teams competing showed the following average scores:

Laundry — 80.25
High man, — Charlie — 85.25
High girl, — Winnie — 75.5

Administration — 78.6
High man, — Sam — 94.5
High girl, — Kay — 80

Maintenance — 77.3
High man, — Sabey — 83.

Pharmacy — 76.8
High man, — Charlie — 88.
High girl, — Kay — 75.25

Highest score for the evening Sam again. As usual, he was way in the lead, with a high score of 105 and an average of 94.5. Kay Galvin came way out in front for the girls, with her high score of 95 and her average of 80. Competition is fast and furious and the evenings are so enjoyable that bowling has now become a weekly event. Yes, every Tuesday night you will now find the crowd bowling. Come along and join the fun.

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